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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT: Organization of Research and Development

1. To assist in re-evaluating the situation with regard to the size, location, functions, and facilities of Research and Development, it would be most beneficial if we might have your advice and suggestions with regard to any aspects of the situation on which you wish to comment and particularly the following:

a. The location and organizational relationship of R&D within CIA.

b. The inter-agency relationship that should be established between R&D and other units of the Government carrying on comparable activities.

c. The organization of the R&D unit of CIA with regard to the following factors:

(1) Should Operational Aids Division of OSO be a part of the overall R&D unit? If not, should any of the functions currently being performed by OAD be transferred to the new R&D unit?

(2) Should the Engineering Branch of Communications Division be a part of R&D, and if not, should any of the functions currently being performed by the Engineering Branch be transferred to R&D?

d. What suggestions do you have with regard to the staffing of the R&D function?

e. In your opinion, how large should the R&D unit become and in how many specialized fields should an effort be made to employ competent scientists?

f. What facilities should the R&D unit own (or lease) and operate?

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g. A suggestion has been made that in the event the R&D function is transferred to a higher echelon of CIA, OPC should maintain a small but very effective R&D staff to screen ideas, stimulate ideas, coordinate requirements, insure the use of R&D devices by operating Divisions, assist in obtaining functional reports by users, and similar activities. What is your opinion of the above suggestion, and if such a staff unit is to be retained by OPC, do you have any suggestions for addition or deletion of activities?

2. Your comments on the above points should be based on the assumption that the activities must be carried on with the highest practical degree of security but there will be some relaxation from the present charter and it will no longer be necessary to hide Government interest.

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